

practical utility; (b) evaluate the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

[Docket No.: DHS-2025-2017]

**Notice of Availability of a Draft Programmatic Environmental Assessment for Actions Related to the Migrant Protection Protocols Program**

**AGENCY:** Department of Homeland Security.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announces the availability of the Draft Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the proposed resumption of the Migrant Protection Protocols (MPP) Program along the southern border of the United States (U.S.) as directed by the Executive Order entitled, *Securing Our Borders* (the Proposed Action). The Draft PEA programmatically evaluates reasonably foreseeable environmental impacts that may occur because of the Proposed Action and identifies standard best management practices (BMPs) by which DHS can reduce such impacts.

**DATES:** Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until May 27, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** The Draft PEA and Draft FONSI are available on DHS's website at: <https://www.dhs.gov/sep/ephp/nepa>. Comments may be submitted by either of the following methods:

- *Regulations.gov web portal:* Navigate to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket No. DHS-2025-0017 to submit public comments.

Follow the online instructions for submitting comments. All public comments received are subject to the Freedom of Information Act and will be posted in their entirety at this site and available for public viewing. Do not include any information you would not like to be made publicly available.

- *By email:* Jennifer Hass, Acting Executive Director, Energy and Environment Division, at [EED-EP@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:EED-EP@hq.dhs.gov), Subject Header: 'Docket No. DHS 2025-2017 MPP PEA'.

All comments received may be made publicly available without change, including any personal information provided.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Jennifer Hass, Acting Executive Director, Energy and Environment Division, Department of Homeland Security at (202) 834-4346 or [EED-EP@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:EED-EP@hq.dhs.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Background:* Under the MPP program (also known as the "Remain in Mexico" program) certain foreign individuals entering or seeking admission into the United States from Mexico, who enter illegally or without proper documentation, may be returned to Mexico to wait outside the U.S. for the duration of their removal proceedings. DHS, as the federal Department responsible for managing border control and immigration, has the authority to administer programs that further these missions and protect national security.

The MPP program was first established on December 20, 2018, under authority granted to DHS pursuant to Section 235(b)(2)(C) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) and was subsequently terminated in 2022. On January 20, 2025, President Trump issued E.O. 14165, *Securing Our Borders*, which directed the DHS Secretary, along with the Secretary of State and Attorney General, to resume the MPP program "in all sectors along the southern border of the United States."

Under the initial MPP program, aliens encountered at the southern border of the U.S. and determined to be eligible for the MPP program were processed at the border POE, issued a Notice to Appear, placed into removal proceedings, and transferred back to Mexico. Aliens were allowed to return to the U.S. at a designated POE in order to attend their immigration court hearings. Under this program, the U.S. and the Government of Mexico developed a joint agreement, where the Government of Mexico agreed to provide appropriate humanitarian

protections to those aliens returned to Mexico under the MPP program.

*Proposed Action:* DHS proposes to resume the MPP program, in accordance with E.O. 14165, as DHS enforces immigration laws and responds to changing security and humanitarian conditions along the southern border. The Proposed Action is needed to provide DHS the ability to return certain aliens to Mexico pending the completion of removal proceedings pursuant to Section 240 of the INA (8 U.S.C. 1229a). The PEA evaluates the full lifecycle of the MPP program including its resumption and future cessation, whether temporary or permanent.

The increasing influx of aliens into the U.S. has overwhelmed the U.S. immigration system, making it easier for illegal aliens to enter and remain in the U.S. This influx has also resulted in other consequences, including an increase in human smugglers, traffickers, and illegal drugs and other contraband that have been able to cross the border and remain in the U.S., endangering national security. The Proposed Action would provide a safe and orderly immigration process, decrease illegal activities and illicit contraband, and reduce threats to national security and public safety.

DHS prepared the subject Draft PEA to streamline the review process and eliminate duplicative, lengthy reviews for repetitive actions that would occur under the MPP program and that could be broadly analyzed given their similar scopes. Additionally, the PEA would provide programmatic-level recommendations for BMPs to avoid or minimize impacts on the environment, to the greatest extent practicable. However, individual project implementation actions may still require additional review under other environmental and historic preservation statutes, regulations, and EOs. MPP program activities that could occur during the operational phases of the program, such as new construction of temporary facilities to support immigration proceedings, would still require review on a project-specific basis.

The Draft PEA evaluates the potential environmental, cultural, socioeconomic, and physical impacts associated with DHS's Proposed Action.

DHS would not undertake any operational activities within the sovereign territory of Mexico under this Proposed Action. Therefore, this action is not subject to requirements under E.O. 12114, *Environmental Effects Abroad of Major Federal Actions*.

*Alternatives:* In addition to the Proposed Action Alternative, which would implement the Proposed Action, DHS considered a No Action Alternative. Under the No Action Alternative, DHS would analyze the environmental effects associated with not resuming the MPP program as directed by E.O. 14165. It should be noted that DHS would still employ other methods to enforce immigration laws, which may include applicable emergency authorizations, in support of its national security mission.

*Draft Finding of No Significant Impact:* The evaluation performed within this Draft PEA concludes that no significant adverse impact to the environment or human quality of life is anticipated as a result of implementing the Proposed Action, provided that routine BMPs specified in the Draft PEA are implemented.

*Request for Public Review:* Federal agencies; Tribal, state, and local governments; the public; and other interested parties are requested to comment on the Draft PEA, which will be available for a 30-day public comment period from May 27, 2025. Comments may be provided via electronic mail to the contact identified above, with subject header: “MPP PEA” or via the *Regulations.gov* web portal. A mailing address to submit hardcopy comments can be provided upon request.

*Availability of the Draft PEA:* The Draft PEA and Draft FONSI are available on DHS’s website at: <https://www.dhs.gov/sep/epnp/pepa>.

(Authority: National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), as amended, DHS Management Directive 023–01, rev. 01 (Implementation of NEPA), and DHS Instruction Manual 023–01–001–01, rev. 01 (Implementation of the NEPA).)

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Ocean Energy Management**

[OMB Control Number 1010–0176; Docket ID: BOEM–2025–0003]

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Renewable Energy on the Outer Continental Shelf and Alternate Uses of Existing Facilities on the Outer Continental Shelf**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) proposes this information collection request (ICR) to renew Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number 1010–0176 with revisions.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by BOEM no later than June 24, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments on this ICR by mail to the BOEM Information Collection Clearance Officer, Anna Atkinson, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, 45600 Woodland Road, Sterling, Virginia 20166; or by email to [anna.atkinson@boem.gov](mailto:anna.atkinson@boem.gov). Please reference OMB control number 1010–0176 in the subject line of your comments. You may comment on the ICR and view related documents by searching for the docket number “BOEM–2025–0003” at <https://www.regulations.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Anna Atkinson by email at [anna.atkinson@boem.gov](mailto:anna.atkinson@boem.gov), or by telephone at 703–787–1025. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside of the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point of contact in the United States.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, BOEM provides the general public and other Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on new, proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps BOEM assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public’s reporting burden. It also helps the public understand BOEM’s information

collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format.

BOEM is soliciting comments on the proposed ICR described below. BOEM is especially interested in public comments addressing the following issues: (1) is the collection necessary to the proper functions of BOEM; (2) what can BOEM do to ensure that this information is processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the burden estimate accurate; (4) how might BOEM enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might BOEM minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including minimizing the burden through the use of information technology?

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. BOEM will include or summarize each comment in its ICR to OMB for approval of this information collection. You should be aware that your entire comment—including your address, phone number, email address, or other personally identifiable information included in your comment—may be made publicly available at any time. Even if BOEM withholds your personally identifiable information in the context of this ICR, your comment is subject to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (5 U.S.C. 552). Your information will only be withheld if a determination is made that one of the FOIA exemptions to disclosure applies. Such a determination will be made in accordance with the Department of the Interior’s (DOI) FOIA implementing regulations (43 CFR part 2) and applicable law.

In order for BOEM to consider withholding from disclosure your personally identifiable information, you must identify, in a cover letter, any information contained in the submittal of your comments that, if released, would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of your personal privacy. You must also briefly describe any possible harmful consequences of the disclosure of information, such as embarrassment, injury, or other harm. Note that BOEM will make available for public inspection, in their entirety, all comments submitted by organizations and businesses, or by individuals identifying themselves as representatives of organizations or businesses.

BOEM protects proprietary information in accordance with FOIA, DOI’s implementing regulations (43 CFR part 2), and 30 CFR part 580.70, promulgated pursuant to the Outer